



Washington State Health Care Authority
Prescription Drug Program

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Dear Interested Party:

Following recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Department of Social and Health Services - Medical Assistance Administration (DSHS-MAA), the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP), and the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) have named the following drugs as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List:

Calcium Channel Blockers

Generic

amlodipine
diltiazem (all generic preparations)
nifedipine ER
verapamil (all generic preparations)

Brand

Norvasc ®

Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure.

The Department of Social and Health Services - Medical Assistance Administration (DSHS-MAA), the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP) will implement the Calcium Channel Blockers class on October 1, 2005. The Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) will not be implementing this drug class as it is not part of the Workers' Compensation benefit.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Erika Clayton at (206) 521-2027 or by email at pdp@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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